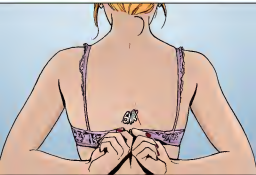


**ZOE PORTER KNOWS
HOW CLOTHES WORK--**



--WHAT SHE PUTS ON HER
BODY TELLS THE WORLD
WHO SHE IS...

...AND WHO SHE
WANTS TO BE.

THE RIGHT DRESS WITH THE RIGHT
SHOE, AND ZOE'S ZIPPED INTO AN
IMPENETRABLE SUIT OF ARMOR.

HEROINE

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CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN

FASHIONABLY LATE

SO WHY IS IT ALWAYS
SO HARD TO FIND
SOMETHING TO WEAR?





ZOE WENT TO PARSONS,
SHE DESIGNS AND SEWS
SUPER-HERO COSTUMES
FOR A LIVING--

--IT'S HER JOB TO MATCH A CLIENT'S
UNIQUE ABILITIES AND PERSONALITY
WITH FORM, FIT, AND STYLE...

...BUT THAT PROFESSIONAL EYE
GOES BLIND WHEN IT COMES TO
HER OWN WARDROBE--





--ALL SHE CAN SEE IS HOW EACH
PIECE OF CLOTHING EXAGGERATES
A DIFFERENT BODY PART.

DID SHE SLEEP WELL LAST NIGHT?
WHO'S SHE MEETING TODAY? IS IT
SUPPOSED TO RAIN?

ATTACHED TO EACH GARMENT
IS AN UN-ERASABLE MEMORY OF
WHEN SHE WORE IT

WHEN SHE WORE IT...



...AND WHAT
SHE DID.

YOU'RE NOT SHUT





THIS HAPPENS
EVERY DAY.





**DANIEL,
STOP...!**

**I'M
LATE.**

**SHE LOVES
IT WHEN HE
DOES THAT.**



**YOU'RE
ALWAYS
LATE.**

HHHHHHHHHHHHH

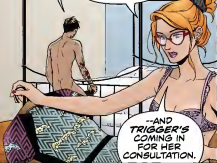


ZOE AND DANIEL HAVE
BEEN DATING FOR SIX
MONTHS--

--IT'S STILL
"HAMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM"
PRETTY MUCH EVERY
NIGHT.

WHAT'S
YOUR DAY
LIKE?

THAT
NEW INTERN'S
STARTING--



DANIEL REFUSES TO
CHOOSE BETWEEN
BOXERS AND BRIEFS.

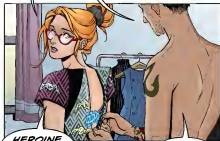
HASN'T
SHE
RESCHEDULED,
LIKE, THREE
TIMES?



HE GOES
COMMANDO.

**SHE HAS
2.5 MILLION
INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS.**

SERIOUSLY?



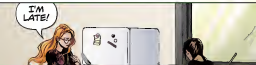
**HEROINE
CHIC NEEDS
THAT KIND OF
EXPOSURE.**

**JUST
DON'T BE
UPSET IF SHE
CANCELS
AGAIN.**

IT TAKES ZOE A HALF HOUR TO
DO HER HAIR, FINISH HER MAKE-
UP, AND SHOVE ALL HER CRAP
FOR THE DAY IN HER BAG--

--AND ANOTHER TWO
MINUTES TO CHANGE
HER DRESS.

I'M
LATE!





BUBUR KACANG IJO IS A
SWEET RICE PORRIDGE
MADE FROM MUNG BEANS--

--DANIEL ATE IT FOR
BREAKFAST WHEN HE
TRAVELED THROUGH
INDONESIA.

**YOUR
CHEF BOY-
FRIEND ALSO
MADE COFFEE.
BUT I PUT IT IN
THE MUG.**



**YOU ARE
THE BEST
ROOMMATE,
EVER!**

**...AND I'M
SORRY HE
STAYED OVER
AGAIN.**

NETFLIX AND
CHILL.

WHAT'S
UP WITH ALL
THE CLOWN
MOVIES?



THE WALLS IN THE APARTMENT
ARE THICK, BUT ZOE AND LAREN'S
BEDROOMS ARE RIGHT NEXT TO
EACH OTHER.

YOU HEAR
EVERYTHING.

I TOLD
YOU, WE'RE
NOT GOING TO
TALK ABOUT
THAT.

AND I'M
LATE.





JUST
PULL OUT
THE NECKLACE
AND GO SUPER-
DUPER.

YOU CAN
FLY THERE
IN TEN
MINUTES.



THAT'S
NOT WHAT
IT'S FOR,
LAREN.



SAYS
WHO? THAT
GEM'S MAGIC,
ZOE. IT'S LIKE
BIRTH
CONTROL--

--WHAT'S
THE POINT
IN HAVING IT
IF YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO
USE IT?

CROWN HEIGHTS II

--A NEIGHBORHOOD
JOGGING BETWEEN LOCAL
AUTHENTICITY AND REAL
ESTATE GENTRIFICATION.



EVERYBODY LOOKS
LIKE THEY'RE AT
THE GYM.





IS THAT A
VELOUR TRACK
SUIT...?

...THERE'S NO WAY
THAT'S FLAME
RETARDANT.



ZOE STAYS ON TOP OF CURRENT TRENDS BY STUDYING WHAT PEOPLE ON THE STREET ARE WEARING.

I SHOULD'VE GONE INTO ATHLETIC

WEAR. THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE WANT.
IT'S EASY, IT'S COMFORTABLE, IT
WASHES WELL--

--AND IT'S ALL
OFF THE RACK.

EASY MONEY AND
NO CRAZY CLIENTS.





ISN'T THAT THE
GUY FROM--?





ZOE'S DEFINITELY
GOING TO BE LATE.

WHAT
THE F---?



THIS IS
VAPE.





THE ALTERNATING PANELS OF
GREY AND WHITE IN HIS COSTUME
CREATE A SENSE OF MOVEMENT.

I CAN'T FIND A
SINGLE SEAM.

WHOEVER MADE
THAT SUIT IS GOOD.



THE EXPLOSION FILLS THE STREET
WITH SMOKE AND SHATTERED GLASS--

--A DIVERSION THAT
ALLOWS VAPE TO ESCAPE.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO
PLAY HERO SHOULD CALL
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OR USE A
MAGIC GEM.





WHAMPH



IN THE REAL WORLD,
HEROES AND VILLAINS DON'T
INTRODUCE THEMSELVES...

SO
NICE OF

NICE OF
YOU TO
DROP IN.



I WAS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.

...BUT, SOMEHOW,
THE "WITTY BANTER"
PERSISTS.



--BUT
IT LOOKS
LIKE WE JUST
MIST EACH
OTHER.





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